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For: **AGENT AND PROCESS FOR ISOLATION OF EXTRA-  
CHROMOSOMAL NUCLEIC ACIDS**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

**Confirmation No. 7783**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated August 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The time for response has now been extended.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.